

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This Preliminary Amendment follows the Request for Continued Examination mailed November 30, 2003. New claims are being presented to address the concerns raised by the Examiner and to narrow the issues being considered. Claims 1-57 have been cancelled. Claims 58 - 74 have been submitted in order to more clearly claim the present invention and point out the patentably distinct portions of the invention.

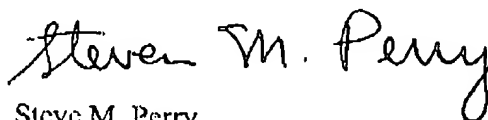
CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 58-74 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Steve M. Perry at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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